



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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Senate Bill #295 - An Act Concerning Radiological And Imaging Services

The Department of Public Health (DPH) provides the following information in regards to Senate Bill #295. This bill requires the Commissioner of Public Health to conduct a study on patient access to radiological and imaging services as a result of changes to the reimbursement methodology made by the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Medicaid state plan amendment 15-020. The reimbursement methodology in the Medicaid state plan amendment pertains to provider rates rather than the imaging facility itself.

While the Department's Office of Health Care Access has limited data concerning imaging facilities, it does not have provider level data. However, the Department of Social Services (DSS) will have updated data compilations monitoring the impact of the radiology fee changes in early April, and DSS continues to routinely monitor this data every quarter. In addition to being unable to conduct this study within available resources, the Department, in light of the above information, also believes this study is unnecessary and would result in duplicative efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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